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SUBJECT: ENRICHING SERVICES AGREEMENT

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1. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY PRIME MINISTER TANAKA DURING HIS VISIT TO PARIS LAST FALL MADE COMMITMENT TO PURCHASE ENRICHING SERVICES FROM FRENCH BEGINNING SOMETIME IN EARLY 1980'S. LATEST INFO AVAILABLE THIS SUBJECT BEING REPORTED BY SEPARATE TELETYPE.

2. AS REQUEST OF GOVERNMENT, JAPANESE UTILITIES ARE NOW PREPARING THEIR ESTIMATE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR FRENCH MATERIAL. ALSO, AT REQUEST OF GOVERNMENT, UTILITIES ARE PREPARING ESTIMATES OF HOW MUCH THEY CAN ACCELERATE THEIR NUCLEAR POWER PLANS BY 1980 AND BY 1985. AEC SCIREP HAS LEARNED UNOFFICIALLY THAT AS PART OF GUIDANCE FOR PREPARATION THESE ESTIMATES, UTILITIES ARE APPARENTLY BEING ADVISED THAT 60,000 MWE LIMIT SPECIFIED IN NEW BILATERAL REPRESENTS CEILING US WILLING SUPPLY AND ANY PLANTS PROPOSED AS RESULT OF SCHEDULE ACCELERATION WHICH WERE NOT INCLUDED IN ORIGINAL COMPILATION

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OF 60,000 MWE TOTAL WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN ENRICHING SERVICES

FROM NON-US SOURCES.

3. WHILE IT NOT CLEAR WHAT OVERALL IMPACT OF PLANNED ACCELERATION WILL BE, SCIREP HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT ONE UTILITY IS NOW PLANNING NUCLEAR UNIT NOT INCLUDED IN CEILING WHICH WILL REQUIRE ENRICHING SERVICES PRIOR JULY 1982 AND HAS BEEN TOLD ONLY RECOURSE IS TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH EURODIF. SCIREP RECOGNIZES THAT SUBSTITUTION FOR UNITS NOW INCLUDED IN CEILING BUT WHICH MAY HAVE SLIPPED IS ON WAY OF SOLVING THIS PROBLEM. HOWEVER, OTHER UTILITIES MAY BE RELUCTANT TO GIVE UP THEIR POSITIONS UNTIL TOO LATE MEET CONTRACTING DEADLINE.

4. RECOGNIZING THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO CHARGED WITH IMPLEMENTING PRIME MINISTER'S COMMITMENT TO FRENCH MAY FIND IT IN THEIR INTEREST TO PERPTUATE THIS POSITION, AEC SCIREP WOULD APPRENIATE ADVICE RE USAEC ABILITY AND WILLINGNESS CONTRACT BEYOND 70,000 MW CEILING IF THAT SHOULD PROVE NECESSARY AS WELL AS ANY OTHER ADVICE PERTINENT THI MATTER.

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